



Attorney Docket No. P66351US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Tetsuya ISHIZUKA et al.

Serial No.: 09/774,178

Group Art Unit: 1637

Filed: February 1, 2001

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

For STEPPED-UP NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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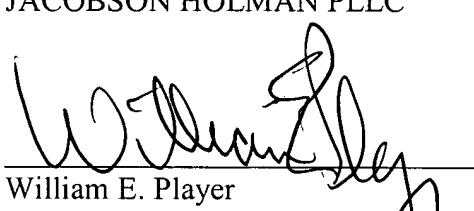
Sir:

Petition is made hereby for a one-month extension of time for response pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The \$120.00 fee is attached. If this fee is inaccurate, please debit or credit the requisite amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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